Gas Turbines of DESU

1819. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the three gas turbines out of six installed at the Indraprastha Power House of the Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking have not been functioning for long;

(b) if so, since when and the time by which they are likely to become operational; and

(c) the expenditure likely to be incurred on their repair?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c) Out of the six Gas Turbines of DESU, three Units (Unit No. 2, 3 and 5) have been out of order for different periods during the last one year due to technical reasons. DESU has already initiated action for repairs and recommissioning of these units at the earliest. Unit No. 2 is expected to be back in service by the 6th August, 1991. Unit No. 5 is likely to be recommissioned by December, 1991. The expenditure on the repairs of Unit No. 2 is estimated at Rs. 2 lakhs. An estimated expenditure of about Rs. 2 crores is involved in the import of spares for Unit No. 5. M/s BHEL have furnished an estimate of Rs. 18 lakhs for the opening of the rotor etc. of Unit No. 3. The cost of repairs and recommissioning of this unit would depend upon the type and extent of the fault.

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Garbage Incinerated Plant

1820. SHRI D. VENKATESWARA RAO: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the department of non-conventional Energy Sources has established a garbage incinerated plant;

(b) if so, the total cost incurred on it;

(c) whether the plant is at present operational; and

(d) if not, the action proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) A refuse incineration-cum-power generation project, with research and development ramifications, has been set up with Danish assistance.

(b) The total cost incurred on the project, including Danish assistance, is about Rs. 25 crores.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The project did not perform satisfactorily and it has been decided to wind it up.

Supply of Coal to Thermal Power Units

1821. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the coal supply is not adequate to the thermal power units in the country;

(b) whether the coal stocks of various thermal power units have been reduced on account of short supply of coal; and

(c) if so, the details of the steps taken by the Government to increase the allocation of coal to the thermal units?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) Despatches of coal from Coal India Ltd., and Singareni Collieries Company Ltd., to power sector during the period April-June, 1991 were 32.18 (including washery middlings) million tonnes as against the supply of 29.45 (including washery middlings) million tonnes during the same period last year, a growth of 9.27%.

(b) and (c) Coal stocks of some thermal power stations have come down. In order to supply coal to thermal power stations in adequate quantity, production and despatch of coal to power sector is being monitored on daily basis, and supply to power sector has been given priority over other sectors.

Growth in Demand for Petroleum Products

1822. SHRI YASHWANTRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state the steps taken or proposed to be taken to chcek the growth in demand for petroleum products?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): Various steps including demand management & Conservation measures such as fuel efficient stoves, automobile engines & energy audit have been taken. Use of substitute fuels and inter-fuel substitution are under consideration.

Beautification of Indira Gandhi International Airport

1823. DR. C. SILVERA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the International Airports Authority of India proposes to beautify various land-pockets at Terminal-II, Indira Gandhi International Airport;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this regard;

(c) the time by which the work will be completed and amount involved; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) In the first phase, a seventy-two acre area comprising eight vacant land pockets along both sides of the main access road from National Highway-8 to Terminal-II has been identified for greening and landscaping. Offers have been invited from reputed parties capable of undertaking such works. The area will be developed progressively over the next few years. The cost of development and the time period of its completion will be known only after the offers are received and evaluated.

(d) Does not arise.

Doubling of Mangalore-Shoranur Line

1824. PROF. SAVITHRI LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a survey has been conducted for doubling of Mangalore-Shoranur railway line;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) A survey to assess the need for doubling of Mangalore-Shoranur railway line has been taken up.